

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/01/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16 and 19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claims

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended) In a skid base for a resin building, the skid base having a deck with top and bottom sides, and front, rear, right, left and sides between the top and bottom sides, the skid base being adapted to mount walls of a building structure that extend above and enclose the top side of the deck, and the skid base having at least two runners that are generally parallel and spaced apart and extend beneath the deck, each runner having a bottom side to support the deck above a support surface, the improvement wherein the runners and the deck are molded in one piece so as to be integral with one another, and wherein the runners and deck have openings in their bottom sides that open downwardly, wherein at least one of the bottom openings -in the deck- receives a weight that is retained within said at least one bottom opening by a cover fastened to the skid base so as to essentially close off said at least one bottom opening from the bottom.

Amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (original) The improvement of claim 1, wherein indicators are molded into the skid base along sides of the base to indicate where threaded fasteners -are- [may be] inserted into the sides of the base to fasten wall panels to the base.

Amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (currently amended) In a skid base for a resin building, the skid base having a deck with top and bottom sides, and front, rear, right, left and sides between the top and bottom sides, the skid base being adapted to mount walls of a building structure that extend above and enclose the top side of the deck, and the skid base having at least two runners that are generally parallel and spaced apart and extend beneath the deck, each runner having a bottom side to support the deck above a support surface, the improvement wherein the runners and the deck are molded in one piece so as to be integral with one another, and wherein the runners and deck have openings in their bottom sides that open downwardly, -wherein threaded fasteners are disposed in sides of the skid base which fasten the walls to the skid base, and- wherein indicators are molded into the skid base along -said- sides [of the base] to indicate [where] -the location of the- threaded fasteners [may be inserted into the sides of the base to fasten wall panels to the base], wherein adjacent the locations of the indicators, bosses are molded into the runners that provide fastening points for wear plates that cover the bottom sides of the runners.

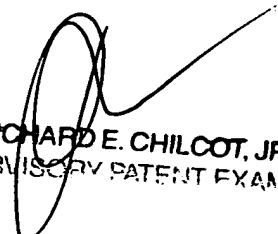
Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present application claims specific aspects that are not found in the prior art nor is the prior art combinable to reach the claims specific limitations. Independent claim 1 of the application contains limitations directed to openings in the bottom of the base and covers that retain weights in the openings. The prior art does not disclose weights being attached to the bottom of a skid base within an opening and retained by a cover.

The combination of the claimed elements and there placement on the skid base are such that the prior art does not disclose nor teach the combination. Specifically, the limitations directed to the threaded fasteners being disposed in sides of the skid base which fasten the walls to the skid base, with indicators that are molded into the skid base along the sides to indicate the location of the threaded fasteners, and those indicators being adjacent bosses in the runners that provide fastening points for wear plates that cover the bottom sides of the runners.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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